

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE
COMMON COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2014
6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December 2, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The Board of Works accepted the resignation of Reserve Officer, Gary Cameron.
2. Received a thank you from ARC for the ramp at Pizza King.
3. Received a thank you from Major General Tulley for the assistance from Chief Tucker for the use of the drone at Maskatatuck. The filming will be used for marketing.
4. December 5th we met with the Library to talk about their strategy.
5. Met with Shelly King on marketing.
6. Met with Robin Warner on 16th Street drain concern.
7. Mike Harmless is helping organize a prosperity summit with Rush, Shelby, Henry and Decatur Counties to be held April 9th in Rush County. We are hoping this will be an annual event.
8. Attended a mural meeting. We are getting close.
9. Hometown collaborative interviews will be tomorrow.
10. Shares will have their annual party on the 18th.
11. Will have an EIDD meeting. We were success in receiving a grant.
12. Department Head reviews will take place on December 29 and 30.
13. Approved memorandum of understanding to correct water drainage at Blue Ribbon Estates.
14. The Masons had agreed to sell the old school property then rescinded the offer.
15. The City received the Nick Singleton grant from the Community Foundation to help parks. Pavey thanked Butch Singleton.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT – Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported the following:

1. The audit report for 2013 will be on the SBOA website by the end of the week.
2. Received the 1782 Notice. The 2015 budget was approved with a reduction in the Rainy Day Fund by \$2,550.00 and a reduction in the Debt Fund by \$2.00.
3. Asked Council for approval for Transfer Resolution 2014-27 for the Police Department. Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-27. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. Copley asked the Department Heads to have any encumbrances in to her by December 29th.
5. Informed the Department Heads that they need to have all bills in by noon on December 26th. She asked for 3 volunteers to sign the docket on Dec 30th. Smith, Berkemeier, and Bridges volunteered.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Council President Bridges said Mr. Small wanted to know how the animal adoptions are going with school doing the adoption program. Moran said it appears to be working pretty good. Bridges said Small informed him that if the City needs their expertise to promote other areas to let them know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – In January there will be an announcement regarding who has been signed.
- **Marketing** –
- **Employee Benefits** – Pavey said he and the Clerk-Treasurer have made a couple of adjustments and will send the final draft to the committee for review. Smith asked if the vacation schedule had been changed. Pavey said it had not.
- **APC/BZA Building Code** – We have not decided the direction we will take.

Councilman Smith asked to set an executive session meeting as soon as possible. It was agreed to set the meeting for Monday at 6:00 at City Hall.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the resource officer program with the school is going well. They have hired 4 officers at this time.

Tucker is gathering quotes to purchase a new vehicle. He said he is looking at another Dodge Charger for \$22,952.00 from Thomas Dodge. Bridges made a motion to approve the purchase from Thomas Dodge, plus \$4,800.00 for equipment. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said the Board of Works approve the independent contract for a medical director for this year.

He will be doing the last inspection on Taco Bell tomorrow.

Councilman Berkemeier left the meeting 6:25.

Street- Commissioner Miller said they found a used tipper for the 3rd garbage truck. He said recycling is picking up.

Animal – Pavey said the Board of Works agreed to stay on the quarterly rotation program with the veterinarians for the animal shelter.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Property Redevelopment Program** – The commercial portion is out. There are brochures at City Hall.
2. **Rush County School Road Dedication** – Attorney John Worth is working on the paperwork.
3. **Police Uniform & Training Reimbursement Contract/Fire Gear & Training Reimbursement Contract** – The Board of Works gave a favorable recommendation for the program with the addition of “written resignation if offered” being added to #4. Bridges made a motion to approve the Police and Fire contracts as recommended by the Board of Works. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Gas Bids** - Sheehan explained that we are buying a set amount of gallons and for our protection on the use of gallonage we purchase, we lowered the amount to be purchased to 25,000 and 12,000. Also we did not lock in our price until the following day; therefore the price dropped another 4 cents from the bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2014-30 Adopting Utility 2015 Wage Schedule** – Les Day said the major difference was an increase of 3% for wages and benefits. He said they are anticipating 2 employees to retire next year so they will be hiring 2. One employee will be in the water department and one in wastewater department. Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-30. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **2015 Utility Budget** – Sheehan made a motion to approve the 2015 utility budget. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2014-26 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** - Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-26. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: The Board of Works approved JTL's next stage of contracts.

The Board of Works also discussed 16th Street lights. We have 4 quotes to place lighting from Spencer Street to Main Street. The money left in that line item will be carried forward.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.